

In connection with the sterling address in our telegraphic columns, from the Committee of Louisianaian papers, of articles from leading Northern papers, of all shades of opinion, in regard to Southern affairs. At no time, since the war have the civil affairs of most of the Southern States been in such an unsettled and distracted condition. Louisiana, Alabama and Arkansas are virtually ruled by Federal bayonets; and bad as this is, if a good protectorate could be found for South Carolina and Florida, these two States could be under the present corrupt swarm of political lizzard and legislative brigands that now infest and control them.

The condition of these States begins to interest and alarm the Northern commercial circles. The representatives of a large number of business houses present in New Orleans, have addressed their friends, appealing to their sense of justice and humanity in behalf of the people of Louisiana. They represent that business of all kinds is at a standstill—that there is a feeling of insecurity for both life and property, and predict very disastrous consequences unless some relief is speedily furnished.

And still those in authority hesitate. The Supreme Court waits upon the President. He in turn awaits the action of Congress. And Congress has adjourned for the holidays. In the meantime God help the poor South.

And when Congress meets, what then? We shall see.

Some Little Truths.

George Alfred Townsend, who visited our city as the correspondent of the New York Herald, and "wrote up" the Lowery outlaws and slanders the good people of Robeson at a safe distance, has been on a mission for this paper further South.

In writing the Herald a very interesting but rather superficial account of his trip "Down in Dixie," he gives his views of "all" Southern and Loyal League after this fashion:

Reconstruction has been a curse to the South, but the great curse of society there has been politics. For this passion many proud and vigorous men in the Confederate army have made shipwreck of consistency and high-mindedness, and the carpet-baggers to get a portion of the loaves and fishes. There is a deep and general feeling of bitterness against the political rights of the negro, and the Loyal League and meeting in leagues; but the Governor of Georgia said to me that there was no national complaint against the black man, although he was often snubbed by white politicians to give annoyance.

Governor Smith intimated that the secret political leagues of the South had been the hands of both colors since the war. This is plain to any traveler. The Loyal League incited the formation of the Ku-Klux, and now when white questions of black man's franchise, and he is fully equal in numbers and rights to his former masters, the nuisance of the secret leagues goes on for the purpose of conserving the politician's position, and if you put your hand upon the shoulder of Powell Clay on or George E. Spencer, or any of that set in the Senate or in Congress, you will have touched a man who is in the habit of meeting by night in motley lodges to keep up the faces of protecting feigning which nobody questions in the South has been cursed with secret leagues.

Opening Their Eyes.

Recent political articles in the Atlantic Monthly, the great literary and critical organ of thought and feeling, political and religious of New England, would indicate that New England thought is taking a departure that presages political war upon the Administration. This periodical seems just to have opened its eyes, and is not only amazed at what it reads, but it is also in a state of indignation. It is no longer content with the question whether that once exquisitely Hobbish and intensely true blue periodical, is any longer to be regarded as truly loyal.

The last of these articles is particularly divergent from the line of orthodoxy. It starts out with the explanation that the Monthly had studiously spared General Grant during the Presidential campaign for the sake of the Republican party. But now it is a duty, says the writer, to speak freely about his past acts, and "his friends cannot do him a greater service than to subject his conduct at every step to severe judgment."

If this is a friend, General Grant can hardly complain. He neglects the score either of freedom of speaking or severity of judgment. The tenor of the article may be seen in this summing up of the qualities developed in the Presidential office by the present incumbent.

The Republican party did not seek a statesman for President when it chose Gen. Grant, for it could not have expected a statesman in his place. It was the glory reflected on him in the popular view by the military triumph gave him a political availability which would be useful, and which it is simple to see, would be turned against it. It would, therefore, be unreasonable to demand of him a positive and leading policy of statesmanship.

It had no right to expect of him the example of duty, dignity, regard for law and a high self-respect which would have a beneficial influence on the other branches of Government. Yet there is a common impression that Gen. Grant takes a low view of the Presidential office; that he looks upon it as a personal affair, that he makes a calculation of what is due him from the value of the office he gave up to take this; and that he regards it as a reward of merit.

A horseless car, sliding merrily along the street, seems to be a new thing, and is pliable to the equine mind as quite to its equilibrium. In view of this, it is not surprising that it is so seriously asked: "Why has it never occurred to enterprising men to build cars and street railway directors that two stuffed horse skins, suspended in front of a street car, and the man in the car, would make a more comfortable and useful machine as harmless and uninteresting as the most ordinary car?"

The expense of such a horse-conquering project could scarcely exceed \$10, and it would add to the weight of the car little if any more than that of a dummy. It is certainly worth a "dummy" builder who would construct such a combination. Horses must get used to steam-cars in cities. In a few years they will have no choice about the matter.

A remorseful man in Troy, N. Y., lately killed a woman while on his death-bed, \$10,000 to a woman whom he had killed a number of years before.

A man in Muskingum, Ohio, lost considerable time and perspiration recently trying to commit suicide by tying one end of a rope around his neck, throwing the other over a beam and tugging at it.

Harmony—A Christmas Offering to the Conservative Party.

We had hoped that all good Conservatives in the State, after the Senatorial contest was ended, would set themselves actively to work to restore the harmony and kindly feeling so essential to the success of the Party upon whose supremacy depends the welfare of North Carolina.

This reasonable and noble hope has not been realized; indeed, we have been compelled to listen to recrimination and recrimination that if much longer persisted in, will either ruin the individuals who indulge in it, or the Party to which they belong.

It is well known to its readers that the JOURNAL indicated no preference among the Conservative candidates for the United States Senatorship before a regular nomination was made by the Caucus of the Party; that as soon as Governor Vance became the nominee, the JOURNAL warmly supported him, and called upon the friends of Judge Merrimon to yield at once to the legitimately expressed wish of a majority of the Party. This position was unwaveringly held until the election of Judge Merrimon was an accomplished fact.

Then, common sense seemed to dictate that as Judge Merrimon was undoubtedly a Conservative and not a Radical senator elect, it would be impolitic for the Conservative Press of the State to seek to impair his usefulness, or to cripple his influence. We put upon record, in the plainest terms, our condemnation and censure of the course of those gentlemen who brought about the defeat of the regular nominee. We did this, however, without any terms of reproach, for the reason that it was our purpose to lead the way to the future. We have pursued this course up to the present time, and we shall adhere to it in the future. As we have heretofore said we do not propose to go into the quarrel between Governor Vance and Judge Merrimon. Whether Vance has wronged Merrimon, or whether Merrimon has wronged Vance we do not know.

The JOURNAL does not follow the fortunes of Governor Vance, nor does it follow the fortunes of Judge Merrimon. It does not follow the fortunes of any individual. The JOURNAL follows with an eye single to its success, the fortunes of the Conservative Party. Its principles are its principles; to its organization we acknowledge allegiance, and under its flag we fight. From this stand point, we seek to deal with individuals without fear, favor or affection, reward, or the hope of reward. If individuals come between the Party and its success, they must be forced to stand aside if they are not willing to do so of their own accord. The great law of the Conservative Party is to promote the welfare of North Carolina. The advancement of individuals is only a secondary and incidental object. At no time has the Conservative Party in North Carolina been the property of Messrs. Vance or Merrimon, or of other gentlemen who have received its honors and emoluments. Our Party can survive the loss of Judge Merrimon; it can survive the loss of Governor Vance; it can survive the loss of other gentlemen, and for the reason that its foundations are laid upon principles and not upon persons.

It is time for heated and excited parties to pause and consider these things. If ever there is to be a cooling time now is the time, when men's passions are soothed and soothed by the kindly influences of home and friends and family, and the Christmas holidays always develop in both young and old. The great mass of the Conservative Party are not mere personal adherents of party leaders, so-called, self-constituted or otherwise. They profess allegiance to Party and not to men, and if we mistake not, will soon become tired of personal wrangles, and of all those who may take part in protracting them. We have great confidence in the sober, second-sighted, and sensible people. Their well-considered, final verdicts are almost invariably right. If we mistake not, they will be right in this and in all like cases, will be the harmony, unity and integrity of the Conservative Party, are superior to the personal claims or interests or advancement of any of its members.

It must be remembered, too, that the ninety-seven Conservative members of the Legislature do not constitute the Conservative Party in North Carolina, nor do they control its action. Those gentlemen are indeed four representatives; but we, the people, are the masters, and they, the representatives, are the servants. We are not bound to ratify, approve and confirm everything they do. It will be our privilege and duty to do so, at proper time and in proper place, to express our approval or our condemnation of what they have done. It is possible the people may think that some of their representatives lost sight of the good of the party in their zeal for Judge Merrimon; that others were guilty of a like error in their zeal for Governor Vance, or that the partisans of both these gentlemen were guilty of a very grave political blunder in failing to bid them both to stand aside for some one of the many other equally able and competent men in North Carolina whose election would not have been followed by consequences so inauspicious. It is possible, we say, that the great mass of the Party may regret this whole proceeding on the part of their representatives, and if this be so, may well to consider how far it will be expedient to aggravate what they may regard as the offence of seeking the advancement of personal friends at the expense of the integrity and harmony of the Party.

We call upon the Conservative press of the State earnestly to unite with us in urging all good Conservatives in North Carolina to desist from all wrangling, or at least to desist from fighting their private battles in the public newspapers. If there be festering sores afflicting our Party it surely can do no good to lay them bare for our enemies to irritate and inflame.

The JOURNAL has on more than one occasion shown its partiality for Governor Vance, as it has also done on more than one occasion for Judge Merrimon. What we have said we have said in the interest of the Party and not for or against any individual. The duty of calling these matters to the attention of all concerned, seems to us to devolve with peculiar propriety on the gentlemen of the Press, and on this day above all others, when peace and good will possess the souls of all Christian men.

A sad tableau, but not an uncommon one. A small, wretched-looking house, outside, a miserable apology for a man, crazed by drink, assaulting the door, and making a riot around with his curses. Inside, a thin, pale woman, with an expression of features, pressing one hand tightly over her heart, and with the other beating a poker in the fire.

STATE NEWS.

Wake county jail has 16.

Christmas turkeys \$1.25 and \$1.50 in Charlotte.

Eggs 35 cents per dozen, and turkeys \$3 per pair in Raleigh.

Mr. W. L. Thorpe has purchased an interest in the Rocky Mount Mail and will hereafter be one of its editors.

Eureka Lodge No. 25, Independent Order of Good Templars, of Fayetteville, instituted 13 members at their last regular meeting.

John W. Stewart, of Harnett county, was afflicted with the cholera, and died on Monday, at his residence, at the effects of it. The disease seems to be abating.

The Charlotte Observer says: Last week one of our leading and most enterprising grocery firms, shipped one day 50,000 pounds of field-corn to the Air Line Railroad.

The Asheville Citizen learns that one day last week Jesse A. Gwaltney, who lives about five miles from the town, on the bend of the river, killed at one shot six wild turkeys.

A friend writing the Raleigh News from Concord says that the epilepsy is playing the deuce with the horses in Cabarrus county—some twenty or more have died up to this time.

There are 150 students at Rutherford College. R. L. Abernethy, Principal, one of the most flourishing male schools in the State. This College is located near Teal's Station, W. N. C. R. R.

The Raleigh News says that the Principal of the Raleigh Normal School, the city of Raleigh, purchased a fine Philosophical and Chemical Apparatus—one of the finest in the State. Such enterprise certainly deserves success.

The Raleigh Sentinel says: Theo. N. Raleigh, General Deputy, organized Adams Lodge No. 29, I. O. G. T., in Newbern, last Friday night. This Lodge is composed of some of the best citizens of the town, and bids fair to be a success.

The Raleigh News says that the Christmas tree, composed of six whiskey stills, has been seized by deputy collector C. W. Upchurch for United States revenue taxes. Mr. Williams was the father of Lane, who was arrested in Burke county, charged with the murder of a half breed, named Johnson, in a back lane in Kansas City, (Mo.), in August, 1869.

The Goldsboro Messenger says: Mr. Adam Williams, aged 94 years, died at his residence near Bensonville, on the 12th inst. Mr. Williams was the father of Lane, who was arrested in Burke county, charged with the murder of a half breed, named Johnson, in a back lane in Kansas City, (Mo.), in August, 1869.

Mr. William R. Bond led to the lynched after on Wednesday morning last, after the body had been found, an accomplished daughter of Dr. A. S. Hall, all of South Neck. Rev. Mr. Norwood, of the Episcopal church, officiated. The body was buried in the afternoon, and a funeral service was held on Friday morning for a town North. May their day star of happiness never pale. So says the Roanoke News.

The Statesville Intelligencer says: On Wednesday morning last, the little son of the Rev. J. W. Wheeler, of our town, boy of some eight years, while playing with a whistle, accidentally swallowed the whistle, and died in the morning, after a short illness. The Rev. Mr. Wheeler, and his wife, were called in, and after considerable difficulty relieved the little sufferer.

The Raleigh Era learns that the old barracks building in Hillsboro, owned by Paul C. Cameron, is now finished in its repairs and ready for the military and classical school that Mr. Cameron wishes to establish in that place. Gen. James H. Lane of the old "Lane's Brigade" has been secured as the gentleman to preside over this institution. No better selection could be made. Gen. Lane has been teaching in Richmond (Va.) since the war.

The Newbern Liberal says: We regret to learn that a young lady, Miss Jane Wayne, a daughter of the Rev. L. Wayne, was burned to death near Swift Creek Village, on Friday night, December 21st.

The circumstances occurred in the following manner: The young lady was standing near the fire, when taken with a fainting spell, and fell into the flames. She was rescued, but her injuries were so severe that she could not be recovered. The young lady, we understand, was about 16 years of age.

The Raleigh Sentinel says: The Supreme Court will sit in regular session, in this city, on the first Monday (the 6th) of January next.

On the first two days of the term, appeals from the several Judicial Districts will be called in the following order, viz: 1st. First and Second Districts. 2nd. "Fourth and Fifth Districts. 3rd. "Third and Seventh Districts. 4th. "Sixth and Eighth Districts. 5th. "Tenth and Eleventh Districts. 6th. "Twelfth and Thirteenth Districts.

The Goldsboro Messenger says: On the night of Wednesday last a horse was stolen from the stable of a gentleman near Goldsboro. The thief was suspected, and a description of him had been given to our friend, Mr. Jas. H. Faulk, late an employee of the Wilmington Life Insurance Company.

On last Friday night, at the Commercial Hotel, in this place, Mr. Brooks saw a man who he thought was the same man who had been seen at the hotel, and being deceived, he returned to the hotel, where he arrested the individual, who proved to be a thief. The man was taken to the jail, and a reward was offered for his capture. The man was released, and the reward was not paid.

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THE SOUTH.

STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Causes of Trouble.

Southern Affairs Through Northern Eyes.

[From the New York Tribune.]

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TELEGRAPHIC.

The Citizens of Louisiana to the People of the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

The citizens of Louisiana have perceived, with satisfaction, that the people of her sister States are not mere spectators of the public matters; if it would, in short, help to restore the Southern States to office and from down the carpet-baggers and scalawags who make all the trouble. Such corruption and anarchy as exist now in the South are not only injurious to that section; not only check its progress and material interests, but they also prove damaging to the business interests of the North, but they are infectious and must in the end demoralize the whole Republic. It is, in fact, a long step toward a voice of influence in the restoration of the Southern States to office and from down the carpet-baggers and scalawags who make all the trouble. Such corruption and anarchy as exist now in the South are not only injurious to that section; not only check its progress and material interests, but they also prove damaging to the business interests of the North, but they are infectious and must in the end demoralize the whole Republic. It is, in fact, a long step toward a voice of influence in the restoration of the Southern States to office and from down the carpet-baggers and scalawags who make all the trouble. Such corruption and anarchy as exist now in the South are not only injurious to that section; not only check its progress and material interests, but they also prove damaging to the business interests of the North, but they are infectious and must in the end demoralize the whole Republic. It is, in fact, a long step toward a voice of influence in the restoration of the Southern States to office and from down the carpet-baggers and scalawags who make all the trouble. Such corruption and anarchy as exist now in the South are not only injurious to that section; not only check its progress and material interests, but they also prove damaging to the business interests of the North, but they are infectious and must in the end demoralize the whole Republic. It is, in fact, a long step toward a voice of influence in the restoration of the Southern States to office and from down the carpet-baggers and scalawags who make all the trouble. Such corruption and anarchy as exist now in the South are not only injurious to that section; not only check its progress and material interests, but they also prove damaging to the business interests of the North, but they are infectious and must in the end demoralize the whole Republic. It is, in fact, a long step toward a voice of influence in the restoration of the Southern States to office and from down the carpet-baggers and scalawags who make all the trouble. Such corruption and anarchy as exist now in the South are not only injurious to that section; not only check its progress and material interests, but they also prove damaging to the business interests of the North, but they are infectious and must in the end demoralize the whole Republic. It is, in fact, a long step toward a voice of influence in the restoration of the Southern States to office and from down the carpet-baggers and scalawags who make all the trouble. Such corruption and anarchy as exist now in the South are not only injurious to that section; not only check its progress and material interests, but they also prove damaging to the business interests of the North, but they are infectious and must in the end demoralize the whole Republic. It is, in fact, a long step toward a voice of influence in the restoration of the Southern States to office and from down the carpet-baggers and scalawags who make all the trouble. Such corruption and anarchy as exist now in the South are not only injurious to that section; not only check its progress and material interests, but they also prove damaging to the business interests of the North, but they are infectious and must in the end demoralize the whole Republic. It is, in fact, a long step toward a voice of influence in the restoration of the Southern States to office and from down the carpet-baggers and scalawags who make all the trouble. Such corruption and anarchy as exist now in the South are not only injurious to that section; not only check its progress and material interests, but they also prove damaging to the business interests of the North, but they are infectious and must in the end demoralize the whole Republic. It is, in fact, a long step toward a voice of influence in the restoration of the Southern States to office and from down the carpet-baggers and scalawags who make all the trouble. Such corruption and anarchy as exist now in the South are not only injurious to that section; not only check its progress and material interests, but they also prove damaging to the business interests of the North, but they are infectious and must in the end demoralize the whole Republic. It is, in fact, a long step toward a voice of influence in